



Minutes
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Roll Call 7:02 pm – Commissioners Present: Aga, Edwards, Glueck, Hunter Parisi.

1. Minutes

Motion by Glueck, seconded by Hunter Parisi, to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Oral Communications from the Public: Judith Tannenbaum spoke regarding the West County Jail expansion issue. Carl Groch is a Design Review Board commissioner and wanted to express his support for the Sanctuary City resolution before his meeting.

3. Staff, Council Liaison and Commission Announcements and Reports: Staff Liaison Pinkos reported that the City Council has interviewed candidates for City Boards, Commissions and Committees, that they have been briefed on the actions of the HRC with respect to the actions taken at the February 1 meeting, and that the Council reviewed the City's Strategic Plan leading up to a fiscal year goal-setting for the City Council at the May 2 meeting.

4. Discussion on Protection of Immigrants in El Cerrito: Staff Liaison Pinkos presented a staff report from the subcommittee members Glueck and Aga. The report included a draft resolution for the Commission's consideration as part of a recommendation to the City Council to declare El Cerrito a Sanctuary City and discusses support of Senate Bill 54, "The California Values Act" (De León).

Public Comments in favor of the proposal were provided by: Judith Tannenbaum, Ted Lam, Janaki Sullivan, Rev. Christian Schmidt, Jess Laird, Sherry Drobner, Brigid Acuna, Nicholas Galloro, Elli Matejka, Rosemarie Vekony, Sara Hinkley, Sean Kline, Byron Thayer.

Discussion was held on various elements of the resolution and feedback from public comment will be taken into consideration as a final draft is presented to the City Council.

Moved by Edwards, seconded by Glueck, to recommend to the El Cerrito City Council that the Council declare El Cerrito a Sanctuary City and to adopt a resolution drafted by the HRC subcommittee and City staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hunter Parisi, seconded by Edwards, to recommend that the El Cerrito City Council support Senate Bill 54, "The California Values Act" (De León). Motion carried unanimously.

5. Subcommittee on Tolerance Update: The subcommittee announced a save the date for a forum to be held at City Hall on Saturday, April 29 on how to be an ally and an upstander. More details to come.

6. 8:05 pm: Adjournment

Future Agenda Items: Human Relations Commission Workplan, Loving Day 2017